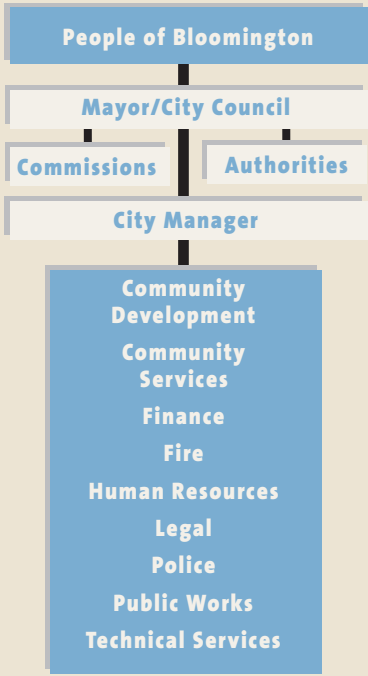


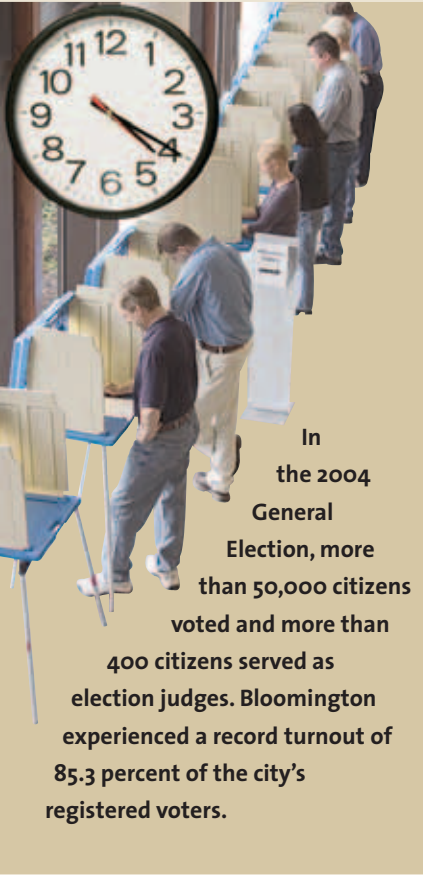


ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

BLOOMINGTON’S CHARTER PROVIDES for a council-manager government. The City Council and Mayor, elected by the people, exercise legislative power and determine all City policies. Advisory boards and commissions gather information and advise the City Council on specific issues. Policy development and day-to-day operations are directed by the Council-appointed City Manager. The City Manager oversees the eight departments and the Technical Services Group that carry out the services, activities and policies of the City of Bloomington.



In the 2004 General Election, more than 50,000 citizens voted and more than 400 citizens served as election judges. Bloomington experienced a record turnout of 85.3 percent of the city’s registered voters.

HOW TAX DOLLARS BUY CITY SERVICES

HIGH-QUALITY CITY SERVICES REMAIN REASONABLY PRICED FOR BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS

RESIDENTS RECEIVE A VARIETY OF CITY services at an affordable price. The cost of City services in 2005 for the owner of a median-priced, single-family home in Bloomington with a 2004 assessor’s market value of \$214,400 is \$57.14 per month. Utilities remain competitively priced in 2005. The value received from City services compares favorably to charges for other monthly bills.

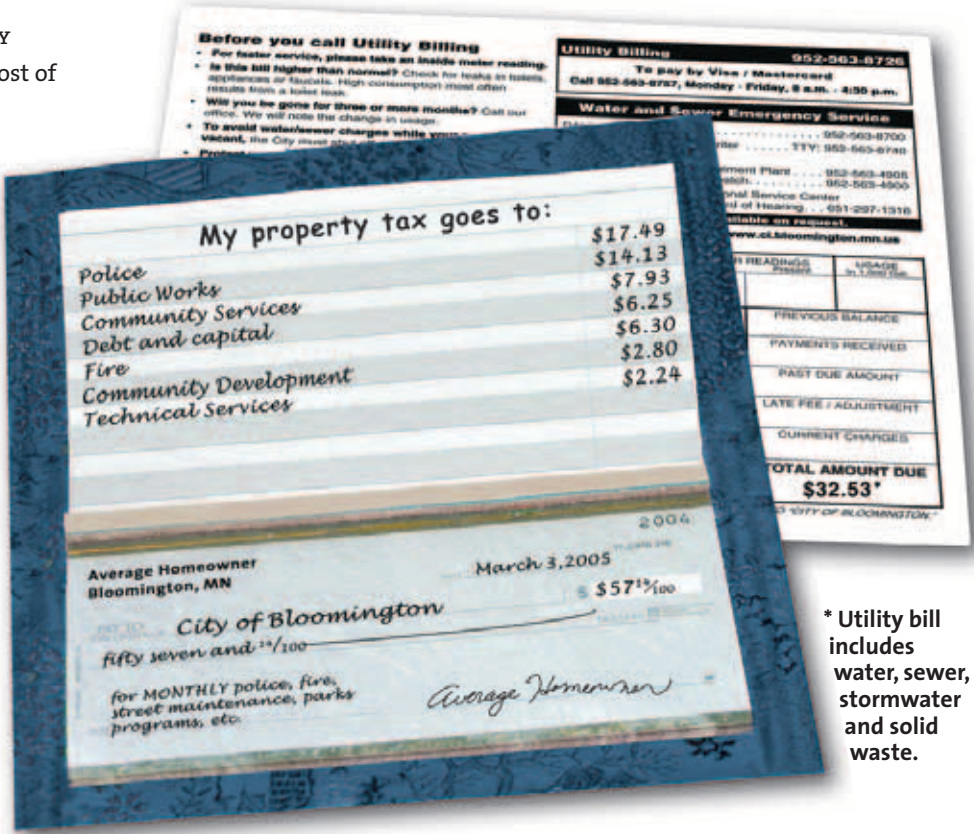
Net property tax cost is obtained by subtracting all revenue sources other than the property tax from departmental expenditures. Water and sewer utilities are fee-based.

Property tax-supported services

The checkbook shows how the monthly cost of property tax-supported services is divided among City departments.

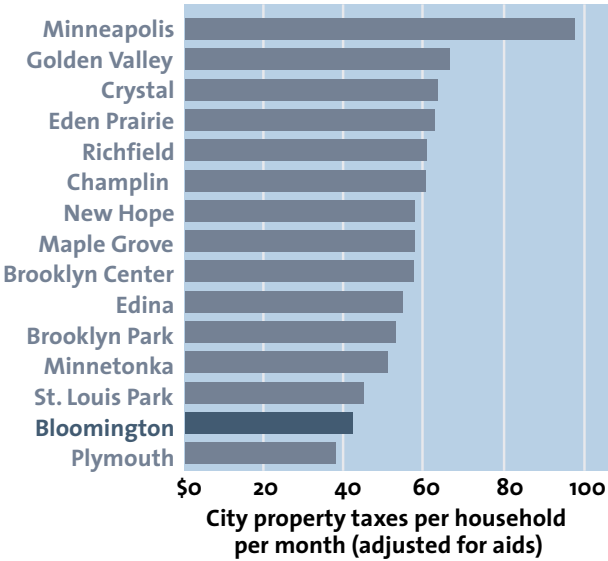
Monthly cost of utilities

The monthly cost of utilities for a median-priced home in Bloomington is \$32.53 in 2005. Services include water, sewer, stormwater and solid waste. Charges, based on an average usage of 7,500 gallons per month, have remained stable since 1996. *Note: Water bills are mailed bimonthly and average \$65.06 per bill.*



* Utility bill includes water, sewer, stormwater and solid waste.

BLOOMINGTON RANKS WELL IN HENNEPIN COUNTY TAX RATE COMPARISON



IN A 2004 COMPARISON of 15 communities in Hennepin County with more than 20,000 residents, the average household cost of services in terms of property taxes and property tax aids (when adjusted for Fiscal Disparities) showed Bloomington ranking second lowest. The average household in Bloomington paid \$42.32 per month in property taxes to the City.

STRONG HOME VALUE GROWTH CONTINUES



CITY SERVICES ENHANCE OUR LIVES and provide a stable foundation, helping home values grow. Median home value has increased from \$195,800 in 2003 to \$214,400 in 2004, a 9.5 percent increase. *See page CR5.*

The City works hard to provide a broad range of quality municipal services at one of the lowest property tax costs per household in the metropolitan area. Homeowners’ “investment” of approximately \$680 per year in City services has aided the average home value increases of more than \$17,000 per year for the past four years. A good investment in services is one of the factors that helps promote home equity appreciation.

DIVIDING UP YOUR 2005 TAX DOLLAR

YOUR TAX DOLLAR IS DIVIDED AMONG SEVERAL GOVERNMENTAL entities. As the graphic shows, for every dollar of taxes paid, 33 cents are for City services.

The actual amount of taxes owed is based on market value, tax law and the levy. The levy for all local governmental entities is spread across properties within the city’s boundaries using tax capacity, a function of market value and property type. After applying educational aids, a Bloomington homeowner with a median-valued home pays \$2,367 in property taxes. Of that, \$686, or \$57.14 per month, goes to the City for services. The remaining \$1,681 goes to the School District, County and other taxing districts.

